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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ROMANIA ACCESS TO EC FISHERIES

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER ON DECEMBER 22 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, SECOND SECRETARY OF THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY, (GRECU), RAISED THE SUBJECT ON THE EC'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO EXCLUDE ROMANIA AND OTHER NON-SIGNATORIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION FROM ITS WATERS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 1977. ACCORDING TO GRECU, THIS DECISION HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT; ROMANIA'S ONLY KNOWLEDGE OF ITS COMES FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS OF EC COUNCIL MEETINGS.

2. GRECU ASSERTED THAT THIS DECISION TOOK HIS GOVERNMENT TOTALLY BY SURPRISE. ROMANIA HAD NOTED THE EARLIER EC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD NEGOTIATE ACCESS AGREEMENTS TO ITS WATERS AND HAD ASSUMED THAT THE EC WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOR. GRUCE SAID THAT THERE IS NO  
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OFFICIAL ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION YET BUT THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT THE ROMANIANS WOULD FIND THE EC APPROACH UNACCEPLABLE.

3. GRECU SAID HE FULLY EXPECTS THAT ROMANIA BOATS WILL CONTINUE TO FISH IN EC WATERS AFTER THE JANUARY 1

DEADLINE; HE THOUGH AT LEAST TEN ROMANIAN BOATS WOULD BE PRESENT AROUND THAT TIME.

4. GRECU ADDED THAT THE ROMANIAN CATCH IS QUITE SMALL IN EC WATERS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE THOUGHT ROMANIA WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A VERY SMALL QUOTA (AS LITTLE AS 10,000 TONS) OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD WITH EXCLUSION THEREAFTER. WHAT HE FOUND DISTURBING IS THE APPARENT UNILATERAL APPROACH WITHOUT PRIOR OR EVEN POST NOTIFICATION WHICH THE EC APPEARS TO BE ADOPTING.

5. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THE ROMAINIANS HAVE NOW HEARD FROM THE EC. DE KERGORLAY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, TOLD DCM DECEMBER 21 THAT COMMUNITY WOULD SHORTLY INFORM GOR THAT EC PREPARED TO NEGOTIALE AGREEMENT AND POSSIBLY TO OFFER MODEST INTERIM QUOTA TO GOR, PURSUANT TO COUNCIL DECISIONS OF DECEMBER 13 AND 20 TO NOTIFY CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES OF AUTONOMUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR FISHING IN EC WATERS FOR 1ST THREE MONTHS OF 1977. ALTHOUGH GOR FISHING IN EC WATERS IS LIMITED AND EC HAS NOT INTEREST IN RECIPROCAL FISHING, DE KERGORLAY INDICATED EC INTEREST IN KEEPING "BILATERAL LINES" OPEN TO ROMANIANS IN LIGHT OF MOSCOW'S EMPHASIS ON EC-CEMA FRAMEWORK. HINTON

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